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1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, GAMAL-ELDIN'S METHOD OF OBTAINING AN APPOINTMENT FOR MISSION MEMBERS TO CALL ON PRESIDENT SADAT WAS TO SEND A COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM ASKING THAT I ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. TEXAS LT GOV HOBBY WILT HEAD THE DELEGATION AND, SINCE HE WAS ONE OF SADAT'S HOSTS IN HOUSTON, I AM SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE HIM. I WILL ARRANGE THIS, BUT DO NOT WANT TO ASK THAT THE ENTIRE TEXAS GROUP BE RECEIVED. THIS WOULD SET APRECEDENT WHICH OTHER VISITING TRADE MISSIONS WOULD RIGHTLY SEIZE UPON AND SIMPLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ALL. THE PRESIDENT IS A BUSY MAN AND I CANNOT BECOME A BOOKING AGENT FOR EVERY VISITING BUSINESSMAN OR DELEGATION TO SEE HIM.

2. I TALKED THIS MORNING WITH PRSIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMAL ABOUT LT GOV HOBBY'S UPCOMING VISIT WITH TEXAS TRADE GROUP AND NOTED HE WOULD LIKE TO PAY RESPECTED ON THE PRESIDENT. KAMAL RECALLED HOBBY AND INDICATED HE WAS SURE PRESIDENT WILL BE GLAD TO RECEIVE HIM. HE WONDERED ABOUT REST OF GROUP ALSO MEETING WITH SADAT AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THIS WOULD CREATE PRECEDENT REQUIRING THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH ALL VISITING TRADE GROUPS OR GIVE OFFENCE TO THOSE WHOM HE DOES NOT

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SEE. I TOLD KAMAL THIS WAS SOMETHING FOR THE PRESIDENCY

TO DECIDE.

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